

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Hello Readers,

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them!

Josiah from the Falls sent the following question: *Chief Jenks, Some of my friends at church were talking about police cars and I was hoping you could settle a bet for us. One of them says that the cars you drive are tuned up to drive faster than the average cars. I say that you buy your cars off of the lot and don't do anything to make them faster. Who is right?*

Hello Josiah, you are both right, sort of. Most police agencies buy "police package" automobiles from dealers in their area that offer the lowest price. "Police package" generally means that the car is quite a bit "beefier" than the average car of the same model that is not a police package. For example, the Ford Crown Victoria off of the lot is not equipped as sturdy as the "Police Interceptor" version of the Crown Vic. So, you are right that we don't tune them ourselves to make them faster and your friend is right that the cars are tuned a little (by the factory) to our benefit.

Just about everything we do to our police cars once we take delivery of them, however, tends to slow them down. The added weight of the equipment and the added wind resistance of the emergency lighting are examples of things we do that would slow the car down. This answer probably doesn't win the bet for either of you, does it?

**Reminder: Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting)**  
First Wednesday of the month @ 12 noon.

**\*Phone numbers: Dial 911 in an emergency.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

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